

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6442

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Commerce & Labor, February 7, 2014

**Title:** An act relating to allowing sales of growlers of cider.

**Brief Description:** Allowing sales of growlers of cider.

**Sponsors:** Senators Brown, Hatfield, Schoesler, Hobbs, Honeyford, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Kline and Rolfes.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Labor: 2/05/14, 2/07/14 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6442 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Chair; Braun, Vice Chair; Conway, Ranking Member; Hasegawa, Hewitt, King and Kohl-Welles.

**Staff:** Edith Rice (786-7444)

**Background:** The following licensees are permitted to sell beer in a growler, which is a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the licensee and filled at the tap at the time of sale: domestic breweries and microbreweries holding a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license able to sell beer of their own production for off-premises consumption; a beer or wine specialty shop licensee with an endorsement to sell growlers; a spirits, beer, or wine restaurant licensee able to sell for off-premises consumption; and hotel licensees.

Cider is a table wine with at least 0.5 percent and up to 7 percent alcohol by volume, and is made from fermenting apples or pears.

**Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute):** Licensees that can already sell beer in growlers can also sell cider in growlers.

Licensees must still comply with federal law.

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**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY COMMERCE & LABOR COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute):** Licensees must still comply with federal law.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill:** PRO: This allows our customers to bring our product home. It will encourage greater variety. Washington has been in the lead for this product. We have a suggestion to add a reference to federal law.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Mark Kornei, Drew Zimmerman, NW Cider Assn. members; Cindy Zehnder, Total Wine and More; Scott Hazlegrove, WA Beer and Wine Distributors Assn.